

Cardinal
GIBBONS
High School

**XVII ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY**



Saturday, January 11, 2020



Alma Mater

*Hail to Cardinal Gibbons High School
All our love we give to thee
Lying still beside the waters
Of Atlantic's pale blue sea.*

*You have lit our lamps of knowledge
You have given us the sword
We are armed to carry wisdom
From your halls into the world.*

*Clothed in red and white we challenge
Any foe or any fray
With the knowledge we will conquer
Before sunset on God's day.*

*O you halls of sacred learning
We will carry forth your word
And the name of Cardinal Gibbons
Shall forever be revered.*

*Charlotte Blitstein 1966-69
Faculty Member - Author*

Welcome.....Tom Mahon

President & CEO

Invocation.....Carlos Perez-Cubas Class of 1979

Director of Student Activities

Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018

Hosts.....Administration: Tom Mahon, President & CEO;

Oscar Cedeño, Principal &

The Athletic Department

Presentation of Inductees...Michael Morrill

Athletic Director

Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017

Margo Flack, Class of 1998

Assistant Athletic Director

Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2012

Matthew Dubuc, Class of 1992

Assistant Athletic Director

Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2011

Tyler Ziontz, Class of 1995

Athletic Development

Athletic Hall of Fame 2019-2020 Inductees

ATHLETES

George Bracey, Class of 1966

Tom Garner, Class of 1979

Asheiki Preston, Class of 1990

Coleen Crocco, Class of 1994

Katie Cabana Miness, Class of 1998

Julie Blackmore, Class of 2005

Jennifer Crittenberger, Class of 2009

SPECIAL PERSON

Ben Preston

TEAMS

1991 Boys' Tennis State Champions

1995 Boys' Tennis State Champions

1996 Boys' Tennis State Champions

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Reception to Follow



Criteria for Selection

“Cardinal Gibbons Athletic Hall Of Fame” was formed for the purpose of recognizing and honoring those student- athletes, coaches, teams, administrators and special individuals who have made an outstanding contribution and/or offered extraordinary service to Cardinal Gibbons Athletics. The following criteria are considered when making inductee selections.

1. Nominations are based on the following categories: athlete, coach, team, administrator, or special individuals.
2. Athletes must have graduated 10 years before an individual or team can be considered.
3. An athlete must have lettered in at least one varsity sport.
4. An individual (if not selected posthumously) must be present to accept the award, unless unforeseen circumstances prevent him/her from attending. Without these unforeseen circumstances a nominee has only 3 years to be present to be inducted.
5. If there is a tie in the nominations the earlier graduate will be chosen.
6. An individual may be nominated for more than one category at one time and may be inducted as an individual and team in the same or different classes.
7. An equal number of male and female athletes are strongly suggested.
8. Recommendation forms and nominee information must meet all deadlines to be eligible for consideration.
9. Anyone in the Hall of Fame may nominate a person or team who the individual feels is worthy and meets the above criteria. However, if you are not a Hall of Fame member, you must do so through a current Hall of Fame member. It will be the Cardinal Gibbons Hall of Fame member's responsibility to fill out the nomination form, thereby verifying, endorsing the credentials, qualifications and character of this nominee. All nominations must be presented to the Board with facts to back up the reasons why this person should be a member of the Hall of Fame. All information on eligible candidates will be presented to the Board. The Board, in turn by vote, will choose the candidates for the respective year.
10. The Hall of Fame Committee consists of the Selection Committee Members and all inducted members.

Thomas Dennehy, Administrator
Sister Marie Schramko, O.S.F., Administrator
Louise Crocco, Athletic Director
Jim Gurzynski, Athlete

Dora Castorri, Coach
Don Marino, Coach
Laurie Fleming Rowley, Athlete
Pam Giblin, Athlete
Gus Crocco, Athlete
Dave Shepherd, Athlete

Walt Green, Administrator
Jude Abrams, Coach
Glenn Lee, Coach
Joseph LaRocca, Athlete
Donnell Bennett, Athlete
75 Girls State Volleyball Team

Tony Licata, Coach/Athletic Director
Jo Cabana, Coach
Dennis Romanelli, Athlete/Benefactor
Denise Sancrainte Faber, Athlete
1987 Baseball State Championship Team

Jill Stephen, Athlete
Fran Giblin, Coach
Josh Fogg, Athlete
Micah Gardner, Athlete

Bill Googe, Athlete
Kathy Gluth Scher, Athlete
Kendra Lasher, Athlete
Frank Pettineo, Coach
Ryan Shealy, Athlete
"Chain Gang", Special

1973 State Championship Tennis Team

Lowe “Junior” Wren, Coach
Rob Castorri, Athlete
Michon Lubbers, Athlete
Jason Bostic, Athlete
Vanessa Fuchs, Athlete
Paula Ferrante – Special Category
1973 State Championship Tennis Team

1980 Boys Tennis State Champions

Marcy Sanscrainte Meter, Coach
Kieran O'Connor, Athlete
Pauline Milano, Special
Marty Grady, Coach
Joanna Sahm, Athlete
Matt Dubuc, Athlete

Brother Michael Brickman, CSC, Special
Margo Miller Flack, Athlete
Ms. Missy Meyer, Athlete
Mr. Dave Montiel, Athlete
Mr. Tommy Peragine, Athlete
1977 & 1978 Girls State Champions Tennis Team

Dr. John Bloom, Jr., Team Physician
Jim Scott, Tennis Coach
Mary Dunn, Athlete
Bruce Link, Athlete
Michael Werle, Athlete
Jodi Kenoyer-Zeman Athlete
2002-2003 State Champion Wrestling Teams

Jim Drotos, Coach
Mercedes Ballne ter Maat, Athlete
Joni M. Vollman, Athlete
Rafael Ferreiro, Athlete & Coach
Jennifer Ridenoure, Athlete
Robert Rob Stiegele, Athlete
1976 - 1977 - 1978 - 1979
Girls Volleyball State Champions Teams

CHANCE CHAMPIONS

Carrie Fleming Cromartie, Athlete - class of 1975
Marty Durkin, Athlete - Class of 1985
Chuck Klee, Athlete - Class of 1995
Reid Sinclair, Athlete - Class of 1996
Tahaji Felder, Athlete - Class of 1999

1985 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1986 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1987 Boys Tennis State Championship Team
1988 Boys Tennis State Championship Team

Carrie Rowley Bennett - Athlete - Class of 1999
Nancy Taylor Schuster - Athlete - Class of 1985
Kathy McPadden Potter - Athlete - Class of 1979
Justin Meyer - Athlete - Class of 1988
Richard "Dick" Michael Welsh - Athlete - Class of 1966
Dr. A. J. "Bud" Tight - Benefactor
1990 Girls Tennis State Championship Team
1995 Girls Tennis State Championship Team
1996 Girls Tennis State Championship Team

Michael Morrill, Coach
Deirdre (Dee Dee) Benam '73, Athlete
Evans Celestin '93, Athlete
Beth O'Connell Elletson '07, Athlete
Daniel Perry '81, Athlete
Rich Tunison '87, Athlete
Bob & Jackie Hanke, Special Persons/Benefactors
1984 Girls Volleyball State Champions
1985 Girls Volleyball State Champions
1986 Girls Volleyball State Champions
1988 Girls Volleyball State Champions
1989 Girls Volleyball State Champions

Antwan Chiles, Class of 1991, Athlete
Sandi Fox Cabeza, Class of 2000, Athlete
Jonathan "JT" Taylor, Class of 2003, Athlete
Jenna Romanelli, Class of 2007, Athlete
John Chikerotis, Coach
Carlos Perez-Cubas, Class of 1979, Special Person
1998 State Champions Girls Cheerleading
2005 State Champions Wrestling Team

Ellen Dunne, Class of 1996, Athlete
Janie Velentzas, Class of 1996, Athlete
Michael DiPierro, Class of 1999, Athlete
Blair Walsh, Class of 2008, Athlete
Paul D. Ott, Class of 1966, Administrator
Eugene Morrison, Coach
Joey Accardi, Class of 1994, Special Person
2005 Boys' Volleyball State Champions





George Bracey '66



George Bracey grew up strong, healthy, smart and tall in the small town of Deerfield Beach, Florida. He is one of nine siblings born to the late Mildred Madison-Bracy and Berk Bracy, Sr.

As a young child, George showed a great interest in various sports: football, basketball and track. The Bracy Family has a lineage of exceptional athletes who were also academically sound. In the early 60s, Cardinal Gibbons' athletic program was in its infancy. George, along with brother, Berk Jr. and several other African American young men from Deerfield Beach, were the Diamonds in the Ruff Gibbons welcomed in to enhance its athletic program. They proudly attended this prestigious school, which was miles away from home. George, a warrior and true team player, never let that great distance keep him away from attending school and practices.

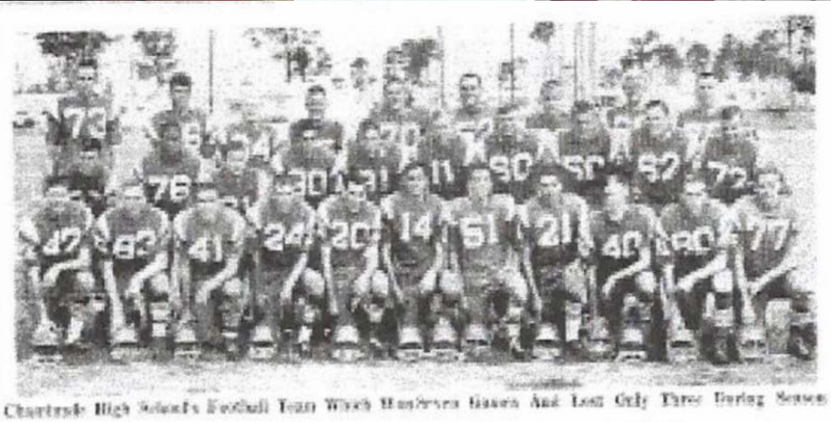
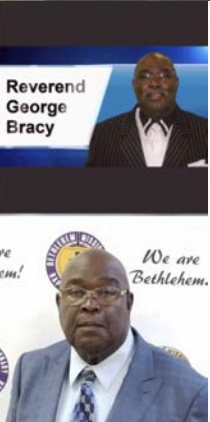
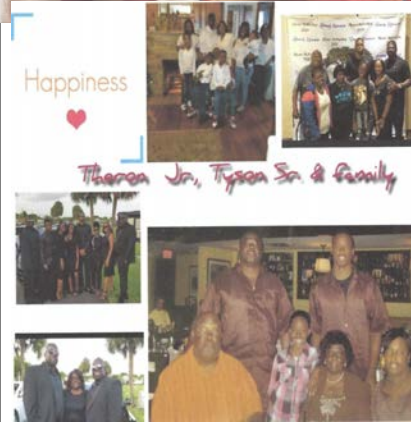
Here are a few of George's accomplishments during his tenure at CGHS (1962-1966):

- Athletic varsity letters: Football 2, 3 and 4; Basketball 2, 3 and 4; Track 2, 3 and 4.*
- Honored at the CGHS Annual Banquet a Harris Imperial: Best Football Back and Top Basketball Rebounder.*
- On the Football Field: George was known as a gentle giant— 6'3" and 180 lbs. with great speed.*
- On the Basketball Court: George was known as a sharpshooter (along with his lifetime/childhood friend and classmate, Robert Baisden— another sharpshooter).*
- On the Track: George ran the 100 in 10.1 or 10.3. Said close friend Kevin Bolender and George's nominator, "If it had been official, this would have been a world record." CGHS Athletics researcher, John Chikerotis, points out that there was hardly a week when George's name wasn't in the school or local newspapers. He also states that George represented the young program very well, and kept CGHS as a contender or a leader in the conference each year. George never had to be disciplined. He was respected as a Christian young man and continues to lead his life the same way.*

After graduating in 1966 from C.G.H.S. George Bracy received an Athletic Scholarship to attend Bethune Cookman College where he attended for 2 years and later returned home to pursue a career in the Plumbing Industry. He was employed by Oriole Plumbing and was instrumental in the installations of the properties in Oriole Estates in Lauderdale Lakes, Fl. He then transferred jobs working for South Shore Plumbing where he retired from. He was a Master in Plumbing and home renovations and after his retirement he continued to do light jobs. Always keeping God at the forefront of his life, George Became a Licensed Minister at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Deerfield Beach, where he's a lifelong member. He's always been a great lover of sports and the youth and was known for always having a vehicle load of neighborhood children transporting them to various sporting events. To this date, George along with his wife, and Robert Baisden (classmate, childhood/lifetime friend) attends the C.G.H.S. Football Homecoming Games, this is an event he looks forward to and enjoys it to the fullest. His hobbies consist of attending Church and Church affiliated functions, Light plumbing and household tasks and family gatherings.

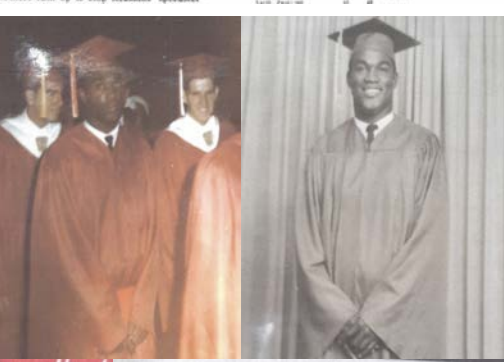
George Bracy is married to Willie R. Graham-Bracy, he has Two children Nicole and George, Jr. from his deceased wife and Two Stepsons Theron, Jr. and Tyson Graham, Sr. and 15 grandchildren.

Thanking God and those who felt me worthy of being nominated and a recipient of this Class of 2019-2020 Cardinal Gibbons High School Athletic Hall of Fame, I am truly Honored



HONORED — These six were among the numerous Cardinal Gibbons High athletes honored Wednesday night at the Redskins' third annual banquet at the Harris Imperial. From left are Tom Welsh, most valuable, football; Jim Gurzynski, MVP, baseball; Gene Donley, best all-around senior athlete; George Bracy, best football back and top basketball rebounder; Dick Welsh, MVP, basketball; and Mike Martin, best lineman, football.

(Staff photo by George Skadding)



ATHLETE



Tom Garner '79



Tom Garner began his high school career in the fall of 1976. During his time at Cardinal Gibbons High School, Tom played in 3 State High School Championships. He excelled as a High School and Junior golfer. He was an AJGA and High School All-American golfer and also earned All County Honors in golf. In 1978, Tom won a major junior golf event (International Junior Orange Bowl) in Miami. He was listed in Sports Illustrated Magazine's elite "Faces in the Crowd" and voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his senior CGHS classmates.

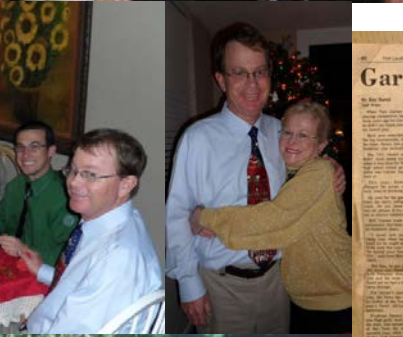
After graduating from CGHS in 1979, Tom attended the University of Alabama where he was a 4 year letterman member of the Men's golf team. Tom participated in 2 NCAA Championships and 2 U.S. Amateur Championships while in College. He graduated from the University of Alabama in December, 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Commerce and Business Administration.

Tom pursued a playing career after College and played professionally for 12 years. He played 2 years on the PGA Tour. He won 2 events on the Ben Hogan Tour (1990/1992) now called Korn Ferry (Triple-A league in golf).

Tom currently resides in Windermere, Florida where he has been teaching golf at the Arnold Palmer Golf Academy (Bay Hill Club) for over 22 years since retiring from competitive tournament golf in 1996. In 2017, Tom was voted North Florida Section PGA Teacher of the Year. Tom is married to Alisha Garner. Tom and his wife Alisha have one child, Samantha, 7yrs old.

Tom would like to thank the members of the Hall of Fame for including him in their distinguished group. He is truly honored and will never forget the fond memories of the school, the administrators, and coaches.







Asheiki Preston '90



The Preston family has a long history at Cardinal Gibbons. Asheiki's younger brother BJ and younger sister Abraxis are also graduates and his father Ben has been a motivational speaker and athletic trainer to so many teams over the years. Asheiki began his high school football career in 1986. He played for Head Coach Don Marino. Asheiki was a 3-year varsity starting Quarterback on the Redskins football team. He had multiple 'Highschool Player of Week' awards and has thrown for over 1,000 yards in all 3 years as a starter which in a coach Marino run first offense, was hard to do. In 1988, he held the longest touchdown pass in school history at 93 yards. Asheiki always worked on his game whether it be footwork or accuracy drills. Whatever it was, Asheiki was always trying to widen the gap on his competition. He was MVP at several college football camps most notably at the University of Miami. He spent countless of days training with the guidance from his father and running sprints on his own every night in front of his house, pushing his body to full exertion and often throwing up afterwards. In 1989 with two-games to go in his senior season, Asheiki helped beat Stranahan High School and St. Thomas Aquinas both of whom Cardinal Gibbons had not beaten in a football game in a very long time or if at all. He ended his career playing great on offense and collecting

3 interceptions as a defensive back but most importantly going out a winner! He finished his senior season 9-1. Asheiki was offered athletic scholarships to numerous schools. He chose Kansas University where he played football. He was a member of the 1992 Aloha Bowl team. He was a two-year Letter Winner. In 1993 he was named starting QB three-games into the season. With that opportunity he went on to give his team winning performances and receive multiple BIG 8 player of the week awards. In 1993 he held the school record for completion percentage at 62.8%. In 1994, Asheiki started every game his senior season except one due to injury. He went on to have a successful senior campaign with multiple BIG 8 player of the week awards and is still currently in Kansas University's top 20 in passing yards. In the summer of 1995, Asheiki graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the school of Education.

When his athletic college career was over, Asheiki began dating his wife Christine and in the summer of 1999, they were married. He has been married to his lovely wife for 20 years and have three sons, Jordan, Marcus and Bralin. He along with Christine are there to help train and develop them into student athletes. His boys are following in his footsteps. His oldest son Jordan is a member of the Kansas University football team as a redshirt freshman Quarterback, Marcus is a Highschool senior Wide Receiver and is being recruited by several Division I schools and the youngest Bralin is a 7th grader, he enjoys playing football, baseball and wrestling. Asheiki is a man of God and loves his family. His wife and 3 boys are his heartbeat and they make him so proud.

Asheiki lives in Lawrence, Kansas with his family working at RMC Group as a Senior Building Consultant. In his free time, he loves training his sons and other athletes. He also enjoys coaching youth football in the community. As a coach, he has won 11 Championships since entering the coaching ranks in 2007 and in 2014 he was named Coach of the Year.

Asheiki would like to thank the members of the Hall of Fame for including him in their distinguished group. He is truly honored.



Coleen Crocco '94



Coleen Crocco comes from a long line of proud “Gibbonites”, including current Hall of Famers Louise Crocco, Gus Crocco, Paula Ferrante and Jude Abrams, and was coached by current Hall of Famers Denise Sanscrainte Faber, Kathy Gluth Scher and Marcy Sanscrainte Meyer. Coleen was honored to play for Jude Abrams’ undefeated Junior Varsity team as a freshman, then privileged to play for Louise Crocco on varsity as a Sophomore, Junior and Senior. In her Junior and Senior years as a Lady Redskin, what is now the Lady Chiefs, the team won 2 State Championships. Also those years Coleen was named First Team All-County Selection for both the Sun-Sentinel and the Miami-Herald. As a Senior, Coleen was named the Sun-Sentinel Class 3A-4A-5A Player of the Year; the Florida Athletic Coaches Association’s All-State Team, 3A Player of the Year and All-State Game’s Broward County Representative and was named to the Tampa Invitational Tournament All-Tournament Team. Finally, as a Senior, Coleen was named the Florida Dairy Farmers “Miss Volleyball”, or Player of the Year for the State of Florida. Coleen was a member of Gibbons’ District, Regional and Sectional Champions, and was a two-time

State Champion as a Junior and Senior. Coleen was a co-manager for the inaugural Gibbons’ Men’s Volleyball team as a Sophomore and again as a Senior. Coleen began her collegiate volleyball career at the University of Central Florida and ended at the University of Montevallo. She was named a Scholar Athlete for the Gulf South Conference in her Senior year at Montevallo.

After graduating from college, Coleen attended Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law School and has been a practicing attorney in Florida since 2010.

Coleen is always thrilled to get to watch any Gibbons volleyball team play. Her coaches and teammates are the reason she was honored with so many of the afore-mentioned awards and accolades, and she is forever grateful to them, as she would not be presented with this wonderful honor today without them. Coleen is so blessed to have been and still be a part of the Gibbons Volleyball family.

Finally, Coleen would like to thank the Hall of Fame Committee and Members of the Hall of Fame for this outstanding privilege and honor that she will cherish forever.



Cardinal Gibbons celebrates 7-3A Regional volleyball championship.

Scaling Olympic Heights

Underdog Cardinal Gibbons wins regional



ATHLETE

Katie Cabana Miness '98



For Katie Cabana Miness, tennis quickly became the forefront of conversation for Katie and her family after moving to Florida in 1994. Taking a late start to the sport proved to be a challenge worth taking and one for which Katie is forever grateful. Katie's time at Cardinal Gibbons set her up for a lifetime of appreciation for what this great sport, and a purposeful education, can inspire.

In 2016, Katie was inducted into the Cardinal Gibbons Hall of Fame as a member of the 1995 and 1996 girls' state champion tennis teams. Now, in being recognized as a Hall of Fame inductee, Katie feels an enormous sense of pride individually in her accomplishments. Specifically, Katie's mother, Jo Cabana, is also a member of the Cardinal Gibbons Hall of Fame for her record-setting coaching accomplishments; and Katie's brothers', Michael and Matthew, are being inducted into the Cardinal Gibbons Hall of Fame today for their participation on the 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998 tennis teams. Suffice it to say, tennis is in her genes.

In reflecting on her journey, Katie appreciates the consistent and regular coaching that she received growing up at Gary Kesi's Tennis Academy in Deerfield Beach, Florida. This sense of community fostered at Kesi's connected Katie with a group of other aspirational, dedicated juniors who trained daily and played USTA tournaments most weekends like her. Katie quickly moved her way up the rankings in the state of Florida and this helped Katie gain the confidence and practice she needed to make an

impact on her high school team. Katie became a decorated student athlete while at Cardinal Gibbons, helping her teams win three team state championships and winning four of her own; two singles titles and two doubles titles. She was also named to Sun-Sentinel's First Serve Top Players to watch, First Team All-Broward, and All-Broward Honorable Mention. Katie continued her tennis-playing career at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee, and continued to flourish on and off the court. Katie won Freshman of the Year in the South Atlantic Conference and was voted to the Conferences first team three years in a row. Playing at the top of the ladder, Katie helped Carson-Newman win a South Atlantic Conference title and earn an appearance to the NCAA Regional Tournament Finals in 1999. Katie earned rankings in the nation in Division II tennis – 13th in doubles and 20th in singles. As a Journalism major, Katie received the Excellence in Journalism award her senior year. After graduating and working as a High School English teacher in North Carolina, Katie served as the Assistant Tennis Professional at Charlotte Country Club. Katie enhanced her professional credentials by becoming a top-rated USPTA certified tennis teaching professional. Along with her USPTA certification Katie is a PTR certified professional (Adult Development and 7-11 year old Development). Katie has also been distinguished specifically as a USTA 10 and under certified professional.

Katie has dedicated most of her life to tennis. Whether it be playing, coaching, developing new teaching methods, or just hitting with family, tennis became the most consistent and rewarding endeavor in her life. The love and respect of sport lead her to the love of her life, her husband, Andy Miness. Katie and Andy met teaching tennis at the Nike Tennis Camp at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts and made it an annual thing for the next six summers. Katie and Andy were married in 2006 in Charlotte, North Carolina and are now living in Allentown, Pennsylvania with their three children, Audrey (7), William (5), and Gilda (3).

Throughout the years, tennis has rewarded Katie continually with experiences and relationships that enhance her life. Picking up that racquet as a thirteen year old, lanky little girl was her path. A path she is proud to walk, a path that has led her to this monumental moment. Katie is honored to accept this award and is grateful to those who guided and supported her along the way; coaches, family, friends, teammates, teachers, her husband and children. Thank you to all of the members of the Cardinal Gibbons Hall of Fame – it is an honor to be among you!



ATHLETE



Julie Blackmore '05



Julie Blackmore started playing competitive tennis at a very young age, competing in her first tournament at the age of 9. Julie competed in numerous state and national level tennis tournaments and was highly ranked at both the state and national level throughout her junior tennis career.

As a member of the Girls' Tennis Team at Cardinal Gibbons, Julie earned four varsity letters. While at Cardinal Gibbons, Julie won seven district championships (three singles and four doubles championships) and nine state championships (three singles, four doubles and two team championships). Julie was selected as a member of the Broward All-County Tennis Team each of her four years at Cardinal Gibbons and was selected as a Co-Captain of the Girls' Tennis Team each of her junior and senior years. Julie was voted "Most Athletic" by her senior classmates.

Julie was heavily recruited for college tennis and received multiple athletic scholarship offers. Julie ultimately accepted a full tennis scholarship at the Ohio State University, where she lettered all four years as a member of the Women's Tennis Team and was a starter in both singles and doubles in each of

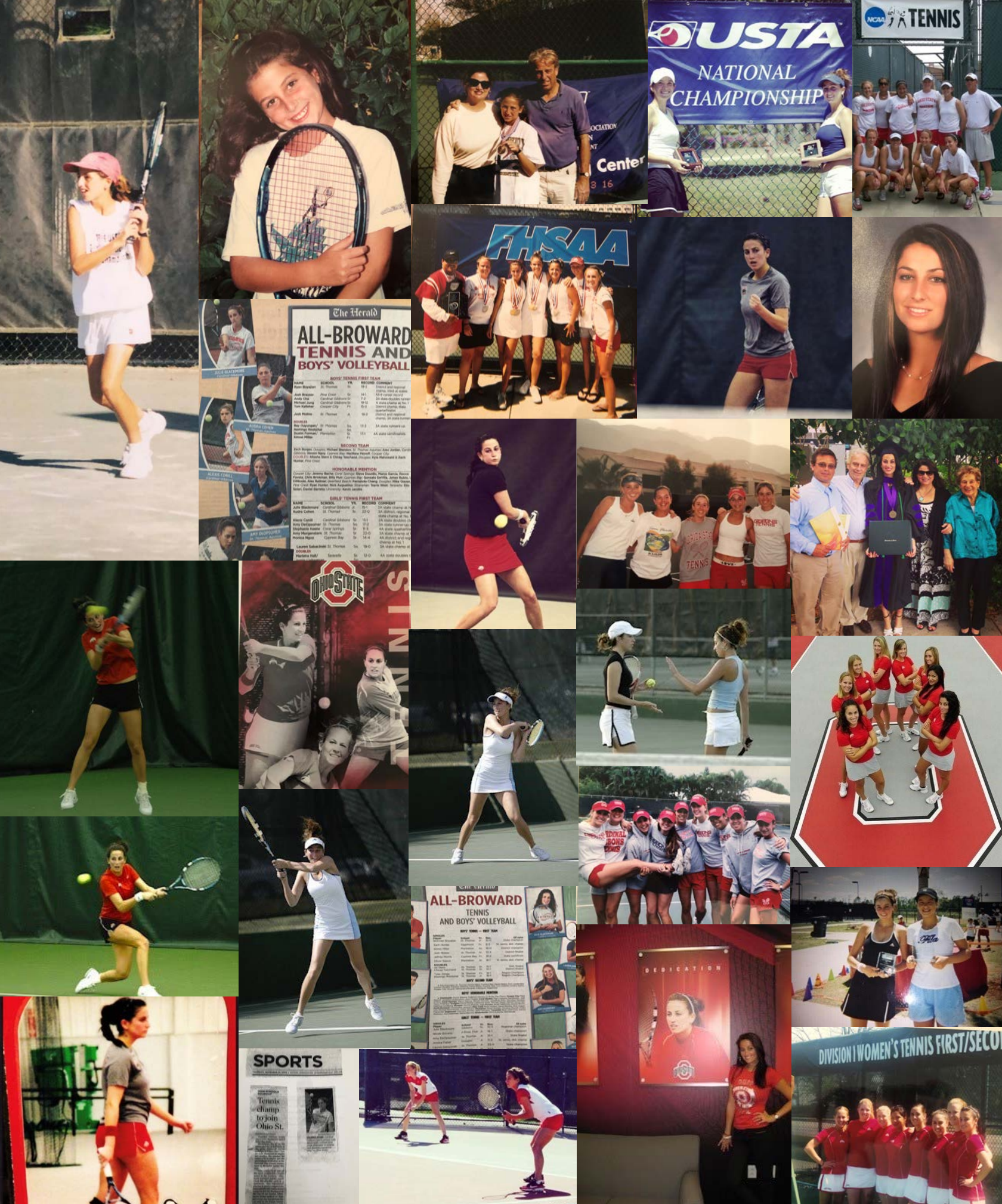
her collegiate matches. Julie received the Coach's Award as a freshman at Ohio State and was selected as a Co-Captain of the Women's Tennis Team her senior year. Julie was also selected to represent the Women's Tennis Team as a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Board her junior year.

While at Ohio State, Julie was an Ohio State Scholar Athlete and Big Ten Conference Scholar Athlete every year, and was an Intercollegiate Tennis Association Academic All-American from her sophomore year through her senior year. As a member of the Ohio State Women's Tennis Team, Julie participated in the NCAA Team Championships in each of her junior and senior seasons. Julie was selected as the Ohio State Athlete of the week for the week of February 4, 2008 and was selected as the Big Ten Conference Women's Tennis Athlete of the week for the week of March 4, 2008.

Upon graduating Ohio State, Julie was in the top ten career singles wins list, top ten career doubles wins list, and top ten single season singles wins list and held the record for most doubles wins in a single season.

After college, Julie attended law school at the University of Miami, where she graduated cum laude. Julie now practices corporate law at the international law firm of Greenberg Traurig, where she specializes in Mergers and Acquisitions. Julie is actively involved in the community. In 2018 she participated in the South Florida Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Man and Woman of the Year competition, where she and her team raised over \$38,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and she is currently a member of the 26th class of Leadership Fort Lauderdale.

Jennifer was the first of six brothers and sisters to excel at Cardinal Gibbons. In her freshman year Jen started all 24 games for the soccer team, scoring 20 goals, including two goals in the regional quarterfinals over Key West High School. Coach Margo Flack said, "It was a great victory because Key West is the hardest place to win a game". The Sun-Sentinel and Miami Herald recognized Jen as second team All-County and she was voted Gibbons Soccer Offensive MVP.



ATHLETE



Jennifer Crittenberger '09



Jennifer was the oldest of six brothers and sisters to excel at Cardinal Gibbons. In her freshman year Jen started all 24 games for the soccer team, scoring 20 goals, including two goals in the regional quarterfinals. The Sun-Sentinel and Miami Herald recognized Jen as second team All-County and she was voted Gibbons Soccer Offensive MVP.

Jen followed up her rookie year with 22 more goals and 11 assists while captaining the team to a 16-4-2 record, making it to the Regional semifinals. Jen earned overall team MVP and First Team All-County from the Sun-Sentinel and Miami Herald.

Success continued in her junior season, the 19-7-3 team won the District Championship and advanced to the regional finals. Jen was moved to center back to anchor the defense but still scored eight goals and 10 assists. The Chiefs made it to the regional finals where they lost to 2-1 in overtime. Jen was voted

Captain, Defensive MVP and First Team All-County by the Sun-Sentinel and Miami Herald.

In her senior season, Jen was joined on the field by her freshman sister Katie. The Chiefs finished their regular season undefeated including big wins over St. Thomas and Douglas. Gibbons once again made it to the regional finals and proceeded to avenge their prior year loss with a 3-2 victory. This Regional Championship earned Gibbons an ESPN Rise #1 National ranking.

Cardinal Gibbons Girls Soccer team earned their first trip to the State Playoffs. After winning in the semi-finals, Gibbons lost a heart breaker in Penalty Kicks. The history making team finished with a 29-1-2 record.

Jen won First Team All-County Sun-Sentinel and Miami Herald and was ESPN Rise All American Honorable Mention. She was voted overall Team MVP, the prestigious Calsanctius Award and the BCAA All Star game MVP.

For her prior accomplishments, Jen was awarded a Division 1 scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University. Jen was a 4-year starter on the defensive line that won 3 Atlantic Sun regular Season Championships, 2 Conference Tournament Championships and 2 NCAA Tournament Bids. Jen was a Captain and finished her career as a member of the Atlantic Sun All-Conference second team.

After graduation from FGCU Jen was hired by a local accounting firm. She stayed involved in soccer by becoming a Gibbons assistant coach from 2013-2018 under Coach Margo Flack and during this time was lucky enough to coach her younger sister Mackenzie and cousins Nora and Claire Tight.



ATHLETE



Ben Preston, Special Person



Ben Preston was born in Stuart Florida at Martin Memorial Hospital. He attended Dunbar Elementary School. Ben moved on and attended middle school at Murray Middle.

Ben won the Parade Magazine Young Columbus Tour in 1968. During the same year he was invited to the White House to meet President LBJ, in addition to that he appeared live on The Ed Sullivan Show. He graduated from Martin County High in 1969 and after graduated from Indian River Community College in 1971.

Ben moved to Boca Raton and attended Florida Atlantic University and at FAU met and married Debbie Papreck in 1973. Ben and Debbie have four children Asheiki James, Benjamin James, Abraxis Jamie, and Christian James.

In 1976 Ben became the first African American Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the City of Deerfield Bch. In 1983 Ben received his Fire Science Degree from Broward Community College. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1986 and remained with the Fire Dept. for 26 years. In that same year Ben and his family began a relationship with Cardinal Gibbons High School, which has now lasted for over 30 years.

In 1991 Ben established Preston Student Athlete Services, a training and mentoring service for athletes continuing to this day. The Deerfield Fire Dept. choose Ben as Firefighter of the Year in 1992. Ben retired from the Fire Dept. in 2002, he then enrolled and graduated from Florida International University in 2003. Ben received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise in Sports Sciences. On December 21, 2004 Ben, received a Masters Degree from Florida International University in Exercise and Sports Sciences.

In 2010 Ben was elected to the Deerfield Beach City Commission

July of 2018 Ben graduated from Maranatha Christian University with a Masters in Divinity.

Ben is currently serving a 2nd term as City Commissioner in Deerfield Beach. He continues to train athletes many of which are Gibbons athletes and he teaches CPR.

Ben, would like to thank the Selection Committee and all Hall of Fame members for this outstanding honor.



SPECIAL PERSON



1991 BOYS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

Eliseo Alba

Leoncio Dominguez

Victor Ocanto

Robbie Robins

Adam Rosow

Brett Rowley

Jean Paul Vissepo

Geoff Vogt

Coach Jim Scott



STATE CHAMPIONS BOYS TENNIS 1991

COACH JIM SCOTT

E. ALBA
L. DOMINGUEZ
V. OCANTO
R. ROBINS

A. ROSOW
B. ROWLEY
J. VISSEPO
G. VOGT



Left: Slam!

Left: Serving up a storm

Right: Eliseo shows a perfect backhand

STATE CHAMPIONS



1995 BOYS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

Robert Bettencourt

Michael Cabana

Jorge Duenas

Danny Horkheimer

Pat Kennedy

Werner Kettlehack

Juan Mejia

Chris McHugh

Daniel Najman

Matt Nold

Rodolfo Rake

Vinod Yesudas

Coach Jo Cabana

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Standing (l-r): Werner Kettlehack, Michael-John Myette (manager), Danny Horkheimer, Daniel Najman, Michael Cabana, Robert Bethencourt, Matt Nold, Chris McHugh, Coach Cabana.
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Depth helps Gibbons boys, girls advance to state tourney

PORT LAUDERDALE — Despite losing to No. 1 singles player just days before district, Coral Gables' boys repeated as District 14-A champions Thursday at Pine Crest.

The Reddick and first-year coach J. Cabana continued their flawless season (both teams were 15-0 in the regular season) when the girls' team defeated state champion Gulliver Prep in advance to last week's state tournament at George Jenkins High in Lakeland.

"The boys, who were state runners-up last year, will play a few blocks away at the City Courts, which presents a logistic problem for Cabana."

"Dora (Cattori), a former coach here, will help me," said Cabana, who directed the St. Thomas girls to back-to-back state titles before taking over the Reddick program. "We're going there to win."

When Gibbons' No. 1 player, Rodolfo Pake, the Eastern Florida champion and top-ranked 16-year-old in the nation, accepted the honor to represent the United States at the week's Junior World Cup in El Salvador, Cabana chose to promote her son Michael from No. 3 to 1, rather than weaken the No. 2 spot.

"It was like a sacrificial lamb. I tried to take the pressure off him," Cabana said. "Rafael, he's never in the net for a while, but he still has to live up to it."

The strategy paid off as Cabana, a sophomore, earned two points with a tie and quarterfinal victory, before succumbing to eventual district champion Peter Hoffman of Gulliver in the semifinals. Gibbons' 25 points edged runner-up Gulliver (21) and Pine Crest (17).

"I haven't slept in three nights," said Michael Cabana, who was 6-0 at No. 3 this season. "It was a big burden off my chest when I won the team points and advanced to the finals by default."

Monica Bonilla of Merion, Devonshire Prep from Noma and Monica Imbert are entrenched at Nos. 1 to 3, respectively.

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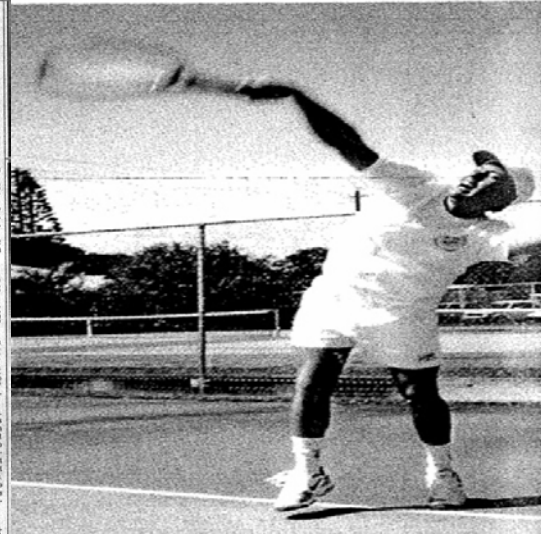
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1996 STATE CHAMPS



This year the Cardinal Gibbons Boys tennis team will go down in history as the only team ever to sweep all 21 points in the State Championship. The boys team was built around an outstanding line-up winning state championships in every position. Individual winners were Kyle Porter, Jorge Duenas, Diego Ayala, Matt Nold and Michael Cabana. This year the boys record ended with an incredible 18-1. The only loss was to Gulliver Prep who they defeated in the District to advance to the state tournament in Lakeland. With this victory, the Cardinal Gibbons boys team became the 2nd winningest team in the history of Florida tennis. The back to back victories for both teams were the 1st recorded in Florida since 1965.



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Gibbons can make history with sweep

By JOE WILLIAMS
The Orlando Sentinel

LAKELAND — Cardinal Gibbons put itself in position Wednesday to become only the second school to sweep state championships with its boys' and girls' tennis teams in consecutive years.

The Redskins lead both the boys' and girls' team standings after the first day of the Class 4A Florida High School Tennis Championships.

The boys' team was perfect during the day, winning all 12 of its matches to take a two-point lead over Jacksonville Bishop Kenny entering the finals. The girls' team, with 11 points, takes a three-point lead over Jacksonville Bolles.

The tournament concludes today with final matches beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The only loss for Cardinal Gibbons' girls came in the No. 1 singles, where top-seeded Tobi Yael was knocked off by Eustis Taryn Lynn 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Coral Gables' 1966 and 1967 boys' and girls' tennis teams won back-to-back state titles.

"This is a position that I love to be in," said Jo Cabana, who coaches both the boys and girls. "I was expecting to be in the running at the end of the first day, but we have done better today than we did the first day last year."

"Last year, we had to win every single one of our matches on the second day and we did that to win the state championships."

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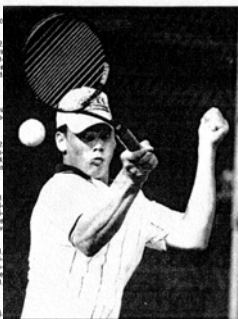
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Gibbons repeats state sweep

4A TENNIS



Cardinal Gibbons' Kyle Porter defeats Andrew Laflin of Tampa.

Boys win all seven matches

By SCOTT KAUFFMAN
The Orlando Sentinel

LAKELAND — There was no suspense this time for the Cardinal Gibbons girls' tennis team.

One year after it edged Jacksonville Bolles in the last match for the Class 4A state championship, Cardinal Gibbons breezed in its second consecutive crown on Thursday at Veterans' Park.

Not to be left out of the post-season party, Cardinal Gibbons' boys team racked up its second consecutive state title, and eighth overall, second to Coral Gables (14) all time. The Redskins dominated their competition, sweeping all 21 points and clinching each of the five singles championships and both doubles events.

"I've never felt such relief so early," said Jo Cabana, whose school is the first to win back-to-back state titles in both girls' and boys' team since the Bradenton Academy.

Gibbons clinched its sixth overall girls' title and moved into a tie for third with Bradenton St. Stephen's on the all-time list behind St. Thomas Aquinas (17) and Miami Beach (17).

The Cardinal Gibbons girls won three of the five singles titles and one of the two doubles titles.

Impressive was the fact that Alex Hiler, the team's No. 1 player, was a no-show. Hiler, ranked No. 7 in the nation, was asked to participate in a junior national tournament in Italy.

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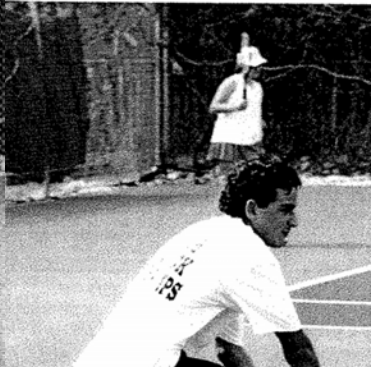
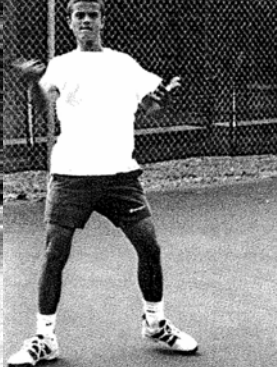
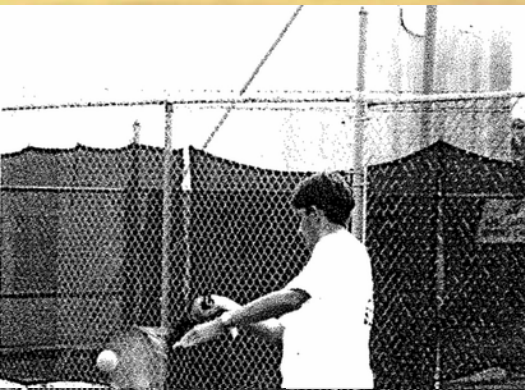
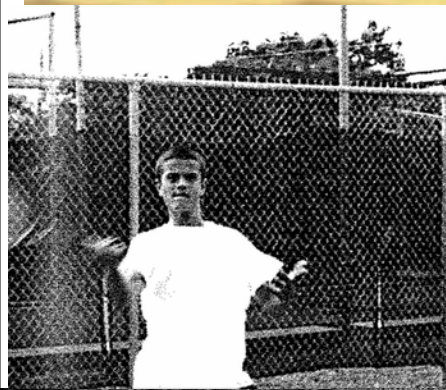
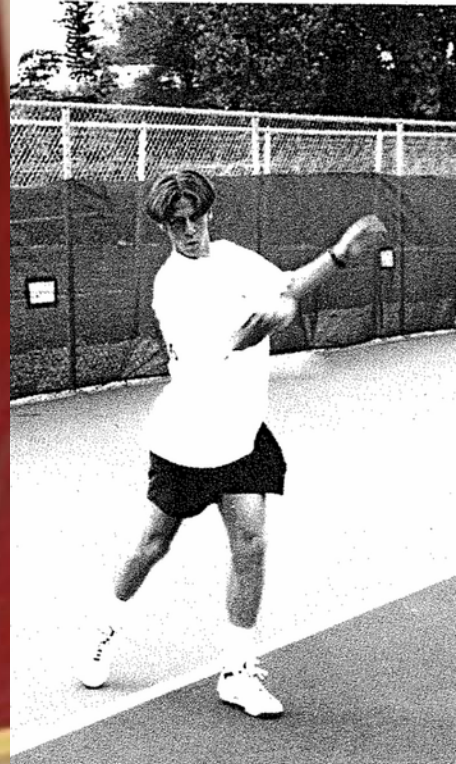
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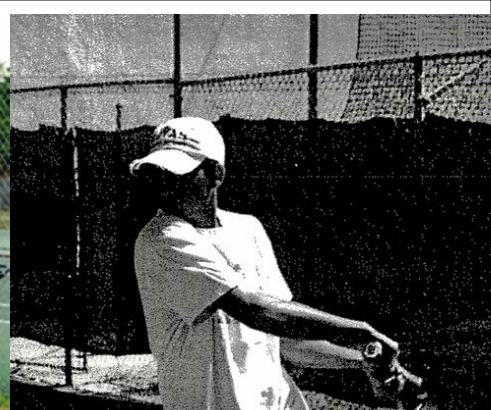
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HIGH HOPES

The Cardinals Gibbons boys' tennis team has a long history of success to live up to.

BY JIM HENDERSON
FORT LAUDERDALE — Since 1986, the Cardinal Gibbons boys' tennis team has won nine state championships, including their most recent title in 1998. The team's success has been a source of pride for the school and the community. The team's coach, Jo Cabana, has led the team to a record of 12-0 in the state tournament. The team's manager, J. Reusche, has also played a key role in the team's success. The team's players, including S. Avichal, L. Baraldi, R. Barald, M. Cabana, J. Cashes, M. Djeric, D. Faria, A. Hur, S. Lancaster, P. Mandic, L. Peon, and M. Schroeder, have all contributed to the team's success. The team's success has been a source of pride for the school and the community. The team's coach, Jo Cabana, has led the team to a record of 12-0 in the state tournament. The team's manager, J. Reusche, has also played a key role in the team's success. The team's players, including S. Avichal, L. Baraldi, R. Barald, M. Cabana, J. Cashes, M. Djeric, D. Faria, A. Hur, S. Lancaster, P. Mandic, L. Peon, and M. Schroeder, have all contributed to the team's success.



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Cardinal Gibbons shuts out St. Thomas, goes to 12-0

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*To all who were involved in our
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